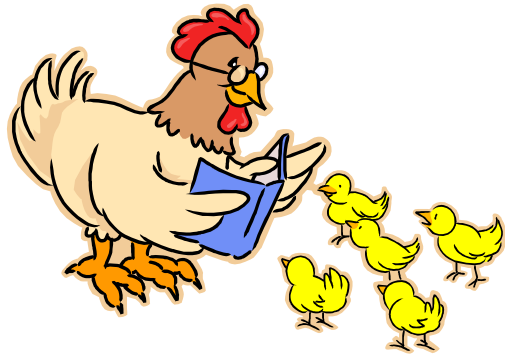


Great Books for Kindergarten Readers (and Listeners) at the Pleasanton Public Library

Compiled by the Pleasanton Library
Children's Staff



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Picture Books

shelved by first two letters of author's last name

Just How Long Can a Long String Be



by Keith Baker
Be it tied to a balloon, or kite, or hanging a picture, or stringing a banjo or a mop, a bird explains to an ant how long a string needs to be.

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel



by Virginia Lee Burton
Mike is loyal to Mary Anne, his steam shovel, even in difficult times.

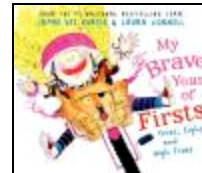
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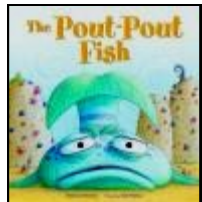
by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
On the first day of school, as the children in Miss Lucinda's class introduce themselves and name their special talent, Jack wonders if he is good at anything.

My Brave Year of Firsts: Tries, Sighs, and High Fives

by Jamie Lee Curtis
Celebrates the extraordinary, everyday bravery of trying new things for the first time.



The Pout-Pout Fish



by Deborah Diesen
The pout-pout fish believes he only knows how to frown, even though many of his friends suggest ways to change his expression, until one day a fish comes along that shows him otherwise.

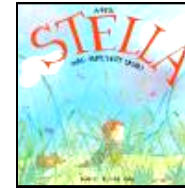
The Best Gift of All

by Jonathan Emmett
Mole has not seen his friend Rabbit for days because it has been raining, and when he decides to tunnel to her home, he accidentally meets Squirrel and Hedgehog, who would like to visit her as well.



When Stella Was Very, Very Small

by Marie-Louise Gay
The story of Stella and how she saw the world when she was small and how things changed when she got older and her brother, Sam, came along.



The Wonderful Book



by Leonid Gore
When various forest animals discover a mysterious object in the woods, they each use it for a different purpose, until a boy reads stories aloud from it, much to the animals' delight.

The Apple Pie Tree

by Zoe Hall
Describes an apple tree as it grows leaves and flowers and then produces its fruit, while in its branches robins make a nest, lay eggs, and raise a family. Includes a recipe for apple pie.

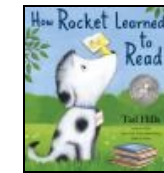


Chrysanthemum

by Kevin Henkes
Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.



How Rocket Learned to Read



by Tad Hills
A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the "wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet."

Angelina Ballerina

by Katharine Holabird
Angelina loves to dance and wants to become a ballerina more than anything else in the world.



This is Not My Hat



by Jon Klassen
A tiny fish wearing a pale blue bowler hat has a thing or two up his fins in this underwater chase scene.

A Carousel Tale



by Elisa Kleven
Given the responsibility of taking care of his favorite carousel dog's tail during the winter, Ernst, the young blue crocodile, finds, as time goes by, that he cannot resist his own artistic urges.

Tacky the Penguin

by Helen Lester
Tacky the penguin does not fit in with his sleek and graceful companions, but his odd behavior comes in handy when hunters come with maps and traps.



Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes

by Eric Litwin
Pete the Cat series
Pete the Cat wears his school shoes when visiting the library, the lunchroom, the playground, and more while singing his special song.



This list represents a small selection of books that appeal to kindergartners. This list is not intended to limit a child's reading, for there is no "perfect" kindergarten book.

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Froggy Goes to School

by Jonathan London
Froggy series
Froggy is nervous about his first day of school, but, even though it’s hard to sit still, he has a wonderful time.

Make Way for Ducklings

by Robert McCloskey
Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Garden with their eight offspring.

Big Brown Bear Goes to Town

by David McPhail
Rat’s car fills up with water when it rains, but his friend Big Brown Bear comes to the rescue.

Bear in Love

by Daniel Pinkwater
A bear with a secret admirer who leaves sweet, crunchy, orange treats outside his cave each night tries to repay the kindness.

Jo MacDonald Had a Garden

by Mary Quattlebaum
In this version of “Old MacDonald Had a Farm,” the farmer’s granddaughter plants a garden which provides a place for birds, insects, and other wild creatures to shelter and nest.

Wild Boars Cook

by Meg Rosoff
Besides being naughty, greedy, stinky, and rude, wild boars Boris, Morris, Horace, and Doris are also very hungry. Luckily Doris finds the perfect recipe for them to make.

First the Egg

by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Which came first, the chicken or the egg? This book explores many different types of transformations.

Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow

by Susan Shea
Rhyming questions are posed about what grows and what does not.

Wild About Books

by Judy Sierra
A librarian named Molly McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.

Miss Bindergarten Has a Wild Day in Kindergarten

by Joseph Slate
From Adam throwing his hat too high to Zach setting the butterflies free, the students in Miss Bindergarten’s class contribute to one wild day in Kindergarten.

The Lamb Who Came for Dinner

by Steve Smallman
When a hungry old wolf gets an unexpected visit from a little lamb, he starts planning a delicious lamb stew, while all the little lamb wants is to be his friend.

Millie Waits for the Mail

by Alexander Steffensmeier
Millie the cow loves to scare the mailman and chase him off the farm, until the mailman comes up with a plan that ends up pleasing everyone.

The Quiet Book

by Deborah Underwood
From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to “sweet dreams quiet” when the last light is turned off, simple text explores the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day.

Balancing Act

by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Two mice have fun playing teeter-totter, but as more and larger friends join them, it becomes increasingly difficult to stay balanced.

Early Readers

shelved by level and author’s last name

Biscuit’s New Trick

by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Level 1 — Biscuit series
A puppy does all sorts of tricks in the process of learning the one his master is trying to teach him.

Dinosaur Hunt

by David Catrow
Level 1 — Max Spaniel series
Max Spaniel searches for dinosaurs in his back yard.

Mia and the Daisy Dance

by Robin Farley
Level 2 — Mia series
Mia’s dance class is putting on a show! But when Mia’s friend Anna leaves class early, Mia is afraid her friend won’t learn the dance in time. Can Mia help?

Billy & Milly, Short & Silly

by Eve Feldman
Level 1
Follow Billy and Milly through thirteen adventures in these funny and simple short stories.

The Gum on the Drum

by Barbara Gregorich
Level 1
A bear who plays the drums and chews gum, begins to hum and by the end of the book needs a haircut.

Sam and the Bag

by Alison Jeffries
Level 1
Sam the cat joins his friends Hap and Max in playing with a bag.

Crab Cab

by Yukiko Kido
Level 1 — Flip-a-Word series
Humorous illustrations and die-cut pages introduce short vowel sounds, consonant blends, and word families.

Tiny Goes Camping

by Cari Meister
Level 1 — Tiny series
Tiny and his owner are having fun camping until they discover that Tiny doesn’t fit in their tent.

Best Friends

by Anna Michaela
Level 1
Best friends Dan and Zack pick apples and find a snail in the garden.

Ballet Sisters: The Newest Dancer

by Jan Ormerod
Level 2
Sylvie gets to attend ballet school, just like her big sister.

Mittens

by Lola M. Schaefer
Level 2 — Mittens series
Nick helps Mittens the kitten adjust to life in a new home.

Rhyming Dust Bunnies

by Jan Thomas
Level 1
As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.

Puppy Mudge Wants to Play

by Cynthia Rylant
Level 1 — Puppy Mudge series
Henry is just curling up with a good book when Mudge decides it’s playtime—and he won’t take no for an answer.

Baa-Choo!

by Sarah Weeks
Level 2
When Sam the lamb has trouble sneezing, the other animals try to help.